

Remarks

A 37 CFR 1.132 Affidavit dated 8/2/2006 has been filed along with the present response. The Affidavit provides detailed comments by one skilled in the art as to specific differentiations between the cited art applied by the Examiner and the present invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 10-16, 27-30 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over *Petteruti* in view of *Wuidart*. The Examiner acknowledges *Petteruti* does not disclose the claim element of a near field coupler having an array of a plurality of lines electrically connected in parallel and supplies *Wuidart* therefore.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references fail to disclose a near field coupler according to the present novel and non-obvious invention. Specifically, the claims have been amended to clarify that the present invention is operable at UHF band frequencies (see 2/8/06 Inventors Affidavit, item 7). *Wuidart* is a system for use with HF band frequencies (col. 1 ln 67 – col. 2 ln 3) that is inoperable at the UHF frequencies of the present invention (specification paragraphs 0011, 0012, 0025 and 0026, also see 2/8/06 Affidavit, item 8).

Further, the claims have been amended to clarify that the unmatched load is commonly coupled in series with the plurality of parallel lines (see 2/8/06

Affidavit, items 5-6). Instead of the claimed series connection of an unmatched load, Figure 3B of *Wuidart*, cited by the Examiner unmistakably demonstrates a parallel connection between "R1" and the *Wuidart* inductor coils.

Because the cited references fail to disclose or suggest a UHF near field coupler or more specifically a UHF near field coupler having a plurality of electrically parallel lines, the electrically parallel lines commonly coupled in series to an unmatched load, rejection of claims 10-16, 27-30 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is improper.

The Examiner rejected claims 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over *Petteruti* in view of *Wuidart* and further in view of *Meier*. Independent claims 31-33 have also been amended to clarify the invention. As described herein above, the cited references fail to disclose a UHF near field coupler having a plurality of electrically parallel lines, the electrically parallel lines commonly coupled in series to an unmatched load.

Because the cited references fail to disclose or suggest a UHF near field coupler or more specifically a UHF near field coupler having a plurality of electrically parallel lines, the electrically parallel lines commonly coupled in series to an unmatched load, rejection of claims 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is improper.

Having obviated each of the Examiners rejections, applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued. Should the Examiner be inclined to issue an Official Action other than the notice of allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner first contact Applicant by telephone at the number listed below.

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